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Re: Application of: David S. Breed et al.

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Serial No.: 09/382,406

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For: Method of Developing a System for Identifying the
Presence and Orientation of an Object in a Vehicle

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 12, 2001

Sir:

Applicants herewith submit a list of references potentially material to the claims of the above-referenced application, and which have not already been made of record herein. Some of these references were cited during the prosecution of a related application, U.S. patent application Ser. No. 09/534,154. A copy of each of the references is submitted herewith.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better prior art exists. While the term "references" is used in citing the publications called to the Examiner's attention herein, applicants do not make any admission that each or all of them are "prior art" references within the meaning of the statutory and case law.

Applicants reserve the right to contend, where appropriate, that a reference asserted against any claim of the present application is not prior art under the facts and the law.

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Applicants also reserve the right to present appropriate arguments and/or evidence to establish patentability over the references, should one or more of the references be applied against the claims of the present application.

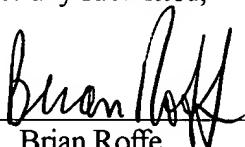
Applicants respectfully request the Examiner independently determine those items that the Examiner would consider the most pertinent of all the references cited herein.

An Office Action on the merits has not been received to date. Therefore, no fee is due for the submission of this Information Disclosure Statement.

It is pointed out that European Patent Publication No. 0 669 227 corresponds to U.S. Pat. No. 5,585,625.

It is respectfully requested that these references be considered and made of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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